

MRAC Board Meeting Monday June 24 , 2002 6:30 PM - Food around 7 (we must buy food for the room) - Tallinger's Restaurant S31W24661 Sunset Dr Waukesha (just west of railroad tracks, half way to Jim Tromblay's house on Sunset (for you north guys, take 164 South to Sunset and west on Sunset - Tallinger's is on south side of Sunset)

NOTE THE TIME!

Feel free to invite anyone you think would add to the discussion as we are not in someone's house

No John Merkl and Ken Eggert

- Minutes

- Treasurer - auction totals?

- Official welcome to all new officers/directors

How things work for new people - next month it's all yours

Thanks to all for putting up with me for last 4 years

- Future board meetings -

- Meetings - Thursday -

July

August

Anyone with meeting ideas please speak up - remember, we removed the job description of VP to be responsible to programs - everyone is responsible

- VEC

Conference in July, so the assistants will run it - good luck guys

- Classes

Mark & Tom still doing code?

Tech Class finishing

Future code plans? Like maybe an in-person class augmented with repeater? We own audio equipment for class use

Future classes - suggestions? 2 at once?

Other locations? Anyone have connections to any schools?

Could we get into a regular schedule of rotating through all the license grades?

- Roster - time to do one? Does Brian want to continue with database for roster and email?

Field Day - comments

Plan for next year

Letter to Cedarburg

Don't forget to get re-imbursed for food (making up for Matt)

Most radios we ever had, including people who have recently bought extra radios

Single band filters around \$100 per

- Misc

McNew Award

Was Norm Russell doing Chatter mailings? If so, are we OK? John Merkl sez Norm was involved - we need some help here.

Postage goes up in a few days!

There is some rumblings about a group effort between other clubs for a larger local hamfest. Should we be part? How do the profits get split is probably the biggest question (along with how does the work get split)?

Connections with other clubs. The question was asked so I will give my answer and anyone with thoughts please join in - Southeastern Wisconsin has not been good for clubs working together. While working on the photo album, I came across a certificate of membership of MRAC in the Wisconsin Council Of Radio Clubs dated May 21, 1960. I joined the club in 1968 and never heard of this group, so it must have died well before 68, in other words, not too long lived. I believe the West Allis club grew out of some disagreement with MRAC many, many years ago. I do know some of the more active W.A. members went there after getting nowhere with this group. Miller Valley is of course an Art project. The other clubs in Milwaukee grew out of supporting a repeater. MRAC was asked if they wanted to be part of the West Allis hamfest and we said no. South Milwaukee was asked to work with West Allis for a Central Division convention back around 1976 and said no. ARES asks for help from other clubs and often gets a cold shoulder. A group newsletter was tried in the late 70's

early 80's using the Hamateur Chatter name (we granted permission) and died after a couple of years due to arguing between groups about who paid the most money and got the most coverage. Badger examiners was started as an alternative to MRAC testing. People put up personal repeaters because they do not want to work with other groups (or are not allowed in to work with other groups). In short, the history has been rocky. My opinion is that should not be. Milwaukee could have a slick hamfest, continuous classes, killer repeater system, packet system, whatever if groups would work together. After some discussions over the years with some people from other groups, nothing really happens. Perhaps we could try again. Perhaps MRAC could lead the charge, showing that our group operates with class.

- PR

Put a bunch of new member packages together

Will work on a hand out for testing applicants

Will try to get the word out on the club

Logo changes if repeater frequency changes (also all our handouts and printing) - know that "from Spark To Space" is an ARRL logo - first used in 1989

ARRL email about new ARRL members, new/upgraded licenses - should we prepare something

Letterheads, fonts, etc

- Anyone have anything to say what with new officers and all

- Repeater (featured topic - finally, last time)

Any comments?

I have heard it reliably mobile into Racine county.

Still need bills from Dave Karr?

With new RF box and final tweaking it should be a very useable system until we have to move. Probably a new location is the biggest problem now facing us. Eaton has sold the business and building of their 30th street facility which was connected by a tunnel to the 27th street building where the repeater is. 30th street also had 4 or 5 other hams there. I would not want to bet on 27th street being there past next (or during the next year). So we don't have to scramble, or end up at someone's house again (unless they have 150 foot tower or so) we need to get arrangements in process probably by the end of the year. I think we need to keep the machine, as it is a selling point to new hams (their first question is "What's your repeater frequency?"). I want to thank Matt, Mark, Dave Karr (who is not even a member and could just tell us to stuff it) and a couple of other people, also not club members, but Eaton employees who have helped out with the repeater (Mark was not a member or even licensed at the start of the install). I should also mention our (Matt, Mark, and my) former manager who paid for the feedlines and gave us time to work on the machine. And who also got dumped by Eaton. And of course Nick K9TNN who made antenna mountings, provided tools to drill through concrete walls (which we did), and helped on the initial install and setup - also while not a club member. One week after the initial installation he had a stroke and has been off work ever since (Thanksgiving 2000). A new location may need new technical people (we were it because of where it was)